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1. The chief of the SED Bezirk organization and the shop trade-union management [redacted] stated that preparations for "X-Day" would be made for all branches of the administration. Suitable personnel would be made available not only for West Berlin but for the entire area of West Germany. Enquiries made at the press office of the East German Reichsbahn, the personnel bureau of the administration for HO enterprises and the GDR Ministry of Information revealed that similar lists of qualified personnel were being prepared for "X-Day" by these agencies. 25X1
2. In mid-September 1954, Raddatz, a member of the Politburo and also a member of the Committee for German Unity, stated at a rally of railroad activists that "X-Day" referred to the day of the unification of Germany, a day which was much nearer than most Germans expected. 25X1

Comment. The preparations for "X-Day" may be nothing but an adroit stepping-up of the East German propaganda conducted for the unification of Germany.

Nevertheless, there is a possibility that the Soviets believe that they will be able, with the help of the West German opposition, to arrive at some form of coexistence between West Germany and the GDR. The drawing up of lists of qualified administrative personnel may be connected with preparations in the field of personnel policy for the envisaged form of coexistence between the two German states.

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